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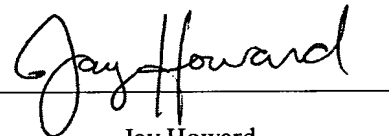
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph S. Gordon et al.  
Serial No.: 09/784,800  
Filing Date: February 15, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2872  
Examiner: Chang, Audrey Y.  
Title: *Apparatus and Method for Optimizing a Pellicle for Off-Axis Transmission of Light*

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2003 (Paper No. 15), Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.